

4.5.6 $x y'' + y' + \frac{1}{4} y = 0$, $z = \sqrt{x}$
 $y' = dy/dx = dy/dz \cdot dz/dx = dy/dz \cdot \frac{1}{2z} = \dot{y}/2z$, $\dot{y} = dy/dz$
 $y'' = \frac{d}{dz}(\dot{y}) \cdot dz/dx = \frac{d}{dz}(\frac{\dot{y}}{2z}) \cdot \frac{1}{2z} = (\ddot{y}/2z - \dot{y}/2z^2) / 2z$

Subst. in the equation, noting $z^2 = x$:

$$z^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2z} (\ddot{y}/2z - \dot{y}/2z^2) + \dot{y}/2z + \frac{1}{4} y = 0$$

$$\ddot{y}/4 + \dot{y}/4z + y/4 = 0 \quad \text{Multiply by } 4z^2$$

$$z^2 \ddot{y} + z \dot{y} + (z^2 - 0^2) y = 0 \quad \lambda = 0$$

From eq (12), p 220

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m!)^2}$$

No second solution is given by this method, so we cannot find a general solution without finding a linearly indept. second solution. This is not covered in the course, but you can find it (if interested; not examinable) in §4.6, p 228.